

## BIGAMIST PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE

Will Also Be Tried for Murder of His Second Wife.

### DEATH OF JAMES WEDDELL

Democratic City Committee to Arrange for Primary Election.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., January 20.

The grand jury returned a number of indictments in the Hastings Court today, including, among others, true bills against the three negroes—William Harris, Charles Lawson and Joseph Hill—for breaking into cars on the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line Railroads and stealing a large quantity of peanuts, a case of shoes and other property. But the case of most interest sent to the grand jury, and on which a true bill was promptly returned, was that of Junius A. Williamson, charged with bigamy. The indictment found that Williamson, on June 11, 1905, married in Marietta, Texas, Miss Addie Rogers, daughter of Joseph R. Rogers, who is still living, and that afterwards, to-wit, in the city of Petersburg, on July 25, 1908, he married Miss Pamela Kiersey, daughter of Joseph Kiersey, of Chesterfield county, who is alleged to have died of poison on June 5, 1909, administered by her husband.

As soon as the indictment was returned the court prepared to place Williamson on trial, but time was allowed for conference between the counsel for the accused—Peck & Peck, of Richmond—and the Commonwealth's Attorney, the result of which apparently was that Williamson should plead guilty. Williamson was brought into court, arraigned and pleaded guilty, and was returned to jail—all within a few minutes. He was accompanied by his aunt and other relatives from Richmond. The penalty for bigamy is from three to eight years in the penitentiary. Sentence will not be passed upon the self-confessed criminal until after the grand jury acts upon the higher crime charged against Williamson, the murder of his second wife by poison. This matter may be considered by the grand jury to-morrow, and it is said that some strong evidence got heretofore made public will be produced. After deserting his Texas wife and coming to Petersburg, Williamson wrote or had written letters to her, first announcing his critical illness and then his death. The charge of forgery against Williamson was continued to the next term of the court.

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**CAPE HENRY FORTIFICATION.**

Conference in Its Interest to Be Held in Norfolk.

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Norfolk, Va., January 20.—The interest in the fortification of Cape Henry is increasing in Norfolk on next Tuesday, in the interest of the proposed fortification of Cape Henry, as a protection to the Chesapeake Bay and the cities thereon, or led thereto by water routes from the bay. Salisbury, Md., and Smithfield are the latest towns to signify an intention of having delegates present.

Congressman Maynard has notified the committee in charge that he will be present at the conference, and that he will exert his efforts to have other members of the two houses of Congress present. He is confident that quite a delegation will come down to hear what is to be said and to consider the project.

**ON TRIAL FOR PERJURY.**

Jury Disagrees on Charges Growing Out of a School Tax Election.

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Petersburg, N. C., January 20.—The jury in the case of J. C. Jackson, charged with perjury in swearing that Thos. Seals removed a ballot from the ballot box during a school tax election in this county, disagreed as to the verdict and was discharged this afternoon by Judge Allen in the Superior Court. Jackson, opposed the school tax in the election mentioned, and swore that the tax was defeated. The grand jury returned a verdict and indicted Jackson for perjury. He was not convicted, but was given a new trial by the Supreme Court.

**VIRGINIANS CALL ON WILSON.**

Seek Aid of Secretary of Agriculture in Behalf of Annapolis Industry.

Washington, D. C., January 20.—Mr. Kolmer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration of Virginia, and other members of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society, called on Secretary Wilson this afternoon in State. Secretary Wilson assured them that his department would do all it could to aid them in improving the

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Norfolk, Va., January 20.—The steamer Hamilton, of the Old Dominion Line, again raced to her Norfolk mooring this afternoon with a fire raging in her hold among the cargo. The fire was discovered just after coming in check in the lower hold until the dock was reached. It is the second fire in practically the same compartment within a week. While the extent of the damage is not known at this time, it is thought that it will amount to about the same as that of the other fire, which it was said that the loss to the cargo would probably reach \$25,000.

Asked if he could account for the frequent fires in the holds of ships recently, B. L. Bugge, general agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, said that he could not. He was of the opinion that the fire discovered to-day had not been burning long.

The belief is expressed to-night that these fires, one recently breaking out in the Princess Anne's hold, are of incendiary origin.

**DEBATE AT LEXINGTON.**

Annual Celebration of Graham-Lee Literary Society.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lexington, Va., January 20.—The annual celebration of the Graham-Lee Literary Society of Washington and Lee University was held last night in the Lee Memorial Chapel.

The speakers with their subjects were: H. S. Reid, subject, "Bonds of Fashion"; H. B. Cornell, "A Great Man of the Present Day";

The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That Trusts are Economically Beneficial." The debaters were: Affirmative—H. G. Anderson and C. G. Moonaw; negative—C. P. Heavener and L. F. Klutz.

The committee of judges, composed of William Kinkle Allen, of Amherst; Dr. H. D. Campbell and Professor T. J. Farrar, awarded the orator's medal to Mr. Cornell and the debater's to Mr. Heavener. The medals were presented by Mr. Allen.

Music was furnished by a ten-piece orchestra from the Institution for the Blind in Staunton.

**WILL HOLD FAIR IN FALL.**

Danville Association, at Recent Meeting, Decide on This Matter.

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Danville, Va., January 20.—At a large meeting of the stockholders of the Danville Fair Association held in the rooms of the Commercial Association recently, it was unanimously decided to hold another agricultural and industrial fair here again this fall. This was the first meeting of the stockholders held since Danville's initial venture, and the reports of the officers and the committee were of a most flattering and encouraging nature. Permanent organization was effected for the ensuing year, and work will be begun at once, and vigorously pushed forward to assure a successful fair here this fall.

The following officers were elected: Anderson W. Douthat, president; Colonel A. B. Carrington, first vice-president; W. R. Fitzgerald, second vice-president; W. P. Hednett, third vice-president, and C. G. Holland, treasurer.

**Want Benefit of Water Transportation.**

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Williamsburg, Va., January 20.—A largely signed petition has been sent to Senators Martin and Daniel and Congressman John Lamb, asking that College Creek, or Archer's Hope River, be dredged and opened to navigation. This stream is seven miles long and empties into James River. If made navigable to craft of light draft it would give Williamsburg the benefit of water transportation from Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News and other nearby cities.

**Plans for Large Sanatorium.**

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Williamsburg, Va., January 20.—If plans materialize, a large sanatorium will be opened on the "Palace Farm," which lies in York county, adjoining this city on the north. Dr. L. S. Foster, former superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital and Dr. P. H. Fitzhugh, a prominent New York physician, are behind the organization. It is understood that patients will be received from New York, Baltimore, Washington and nearby cities.

**Atkinson-Samuel.**

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Bowling Green, Va., January 20.—Mrs. Lucretia Samuel, of near Beaver Dam, has issued cards announcing the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Alma Samuel, to Benjamin O. Atkinson, which will be celebrated on January 28, at Beaver Dam Methodist Church, in Hanover county.

**Houston Social News.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Houston, Va., January 22.—The home of R. Holt Easley was the scene Tuesday of a beautiful reception given in

honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Stone Easley and Mrs. William Lancaster, of New York city.

The old-fashioned hall was decorated in running cedar and holly. In the parlor, where the receiving party stood, the decorations were Southern similar and mistletoe. In the drawing

room, which was artistically decorated with cut flowers and similar punch was served by Mrs. John Taylor, of West Virginia. The table in the dining room was laden with the most delicious refreshments. Draped from the chandelier to each corner was a beautiful vase of pink carnations. While in the center was a beautiful vase of pink carnations. Those receiving were: Mrs. R. Holt Easley, Mrs. James Stone Easley, Jas. Stone Easley, Mrs. William Lancaster, Miss Florence Easley, Miss Elizabeth Bouldin, Miss Elise Craddock.

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